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SEVENTH AND FINAL HARRY POTTER BOOK NOT A LAST HURRAH FOR HARRY OR THE LIBRARY

*County Library System Hosting Fun-filled Harry Potter Events for Youth and Their Families
as "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" Makes Long Awaited Summer Appearance*

El Cajon Library, Harry and the Potters Concert, Monday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

Bonita-Sunnyside Library, Harry Potter Movie Party, Friday, July 20, 1:00 p.m.

La Mesa Library, Midnight Book Release Party, Friday, July 20, 9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Spring Valley Library, Harry Potter Movie Marathon, Sat, July 21, 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Lakeside Library, Harry Potter Movie Marathon, Monday, July 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Valley Center Library, "Harry Potter Who Done It," Thursday, July 26, 3:30 p.m.

Poway Library Presents Harry Potter's Birthday Blowout, Poway Library, Sat., July 28, 10 a.m.

The **El Cajon Branch of the San Diego County Library** is hosting a free concert featuring Harry and the Potters on **Monday, June 25, starting at 7p.m. at the Ronald Reagan Community Center**, 195 E Douglas Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020, adjacent to the El Cajon Library. Bottled water and jelly beans will be served. For more information, phone: (619) 588-3718.

The **Bonita-Sunnyside Branch Library** hosts a **Harry Potter Movie Party** on **Friday, July 20, starting at 1:00 p.m.** For more information, phone: (619) 475-4642.

That evening, Friday, July 20, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight, the **La Mesa Branch Library**, 8055 University Ave, will be the site of a gala County Library system **Midnight Book Release Party** celebrating the release the following day, July 21, of the final Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in J.K. Rowling's magical *Harry Potter* series.

A costume contest, magic show, crafts activities, and fortune-telling, will add to the night's excitement: Participants can get sorted into houses; make wizard-worthy crafts; watch a magic

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show, performed by Albus Dumbledore's brother, Artemus; visit the Alchemy station; enjoy some magical morsels of food; look into the future at the Divination Station, ...and more!

At the stroke of midnight, customers will be able to get a copy of the book by winning one of 10 giveaway copies, by checking out a reserved copy (talk to a local librarian for more details or sign-up online at <http://dbpcosdcsg.co.san-diego.ca.us/record=b1609380>), or by buying a copy from a local bookstore that will be at the library with a supply hot off the presses (\$20.99 plus tax).

The first 50 people at the door will be guaranteed a copy to check out. Lineup will start no earlier than 7:00 p.m. In addition, the library will be contacting the top people on the waiting list prior to the event to find out if they would like to pick up their reserved copies at this event.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Parking at the following locations:

- Lots behind the library (accessible from University Avenue or Date Street).
- Street parking in front of the library on University Ave. or in surrounding neighborhood.
- Shopping Center parking lot across Allison Avenue.

For information, contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Lawson at (858) 694-2415.

The Spring Valley Branch, 836 Kempton St. hosts a **Harry Potter Movie Marathon** for all ages on **Sat, July 21, 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** For more information, phone: (619) 463-3006.

The Lakeside Branch, 9839 Vine St., presents its own **Harry Potter Movie Marathon** with snacks all day and activities for kids between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, July 23**. For more information, phone: (619) 443-1811

On **Thursday, July 26 at 3:30 p.m.**, the **Valley Center Branch**, 29200 Cole Grade Road, is hosting a "**Harry Potter Who Done It.**" Someone has absconded with all the new Harry Potter books. Who could have committed such a horrible crime? Is it a disgruntled reader, a rival character from a Lemony Snicket novel or could it be Harry Potter himself? Come solve the mystery, win a reward, and join the library staff in wearing the costume of your favorite character in this interactive *who done it in which* the forensic detective is you. Fun, food and prizes add to a memorable afternoon. For more information on this program, which combines Harry Potter with this year's summer reading theme, "Get a Clue @ your library," phone (760) 740-1305

Harry Potter excitement will continue with the **Poway Branch Library's Annual Harry Potter Birthday Blowout** on **Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.** in the library courtyard at 13137 Poway Rd. Games and events for all ages are planned. For more information, phone (858) 513-2900.

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